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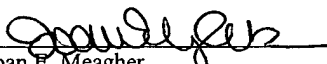
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Applicant: Hong Yang et al.
Serial No.: 09/940,072
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Just prior to the "background of the invention", please insert the following new paragraph:

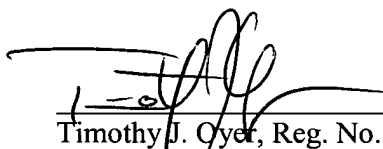
A (-- This invention was sponsored by the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Grant No. N66001-98-1-8915. The government has certain rights in the invention. --

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment in which the Applicants acknowledge funding.

If, for any reason, the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-720-3500.

Respectfully submitted,



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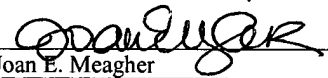
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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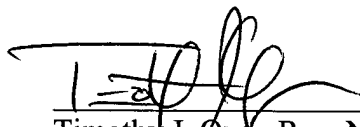
Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

No fee is believed due. If a fee is occasioned or if extensions of time are necessary, please charge the balance to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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